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SUMMARY. AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON FUNCTIONAL AND REGIONAL ANALYSIS OF DEFENSE EXPENDITURES MET ON JUNE 10 TO DISCUSS AGENDA FOR JUNE 20/21 EXPERTS MEETING. ACTION REQUESTED: NAMES OF WASHINGTON PARTICIPANTS. END SUMMARY.

1. ON JUNE 10, AD HOC WG ON FUNCTIONAL AND REGIONAL ANALYSIS OF DEFENSE EXPENDITURES DISCUSSED AGENDA FOR EXPERTS MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 20. CHAIRMAN (VARLEY) STATED MEETING PROBABLY WOULD RUN OVER TO JUNE 21. AC/281(DR)-N(73)3 PARTIALLY OUTLINES TYPE OF INFORMATION AND TYPE OF EXPERT ADVICE CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE FOR JUNE 20/21 MEETING; CHAIRMAN ADDED THAT NOTE (73)3 IS A LITTLE OUT OF DATE AND THAT IT SHOULD NOT CONFINE DISCUSSION. CHAIRMAN SAID PARAS 146 ADN 147 OF SPRING 1974 AD-70 REPORT (DPC/D(74)9) SUM UP WHERE NATO STANDS ON DIFFICULT CONCEPTUAL PROBLEM OF RESOURCE ALLOCATION ON A FUNCTIONAL BASIS. CONFIDENTIAL

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2. CHAIRMAN ASKED IF COUNTRIES COULD BE PREPARED TO GIVE BRIEF, INFORMAL TALKS ON NATIONAL EXPERIENCES WITH QUESTION OF FUNCTIONAL BREAK-OUT OF DEFENSE EXPENDITURES AND MAKE SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO APPLY NATIONAL EXPERIENCES TO NATO. IN

PARTICULAR, CHAIRMAN ASKED IF US MIGHT BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS INFORMALLY PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED IN DATA COLLECTION AND TO DISCUSS A NATO-WIDE APPLICATION OF FUNCTIONAL DEFENSE SPENDING PERHAPS ALONG LINES OF FORMAT US SUGGESTED LAST SEPTEMBER (SEE USNATO 4616 AND STATE 192052). US REPREPLIED THAT HE WOULD REPORT CHAIRMANS REQUEST TO HIS AUTHORITIES. CHAIRMAN EMPHASIZED THAT FORMAT EVENTUALLY DEVELOPED FOR NATO WOULD HAVE TO BE FOR A SIMPLIFIED SYSTEM.

3. BELGIAN, DANISH, FRG, AND US REPS INDICATED THEY EXPECTED NATIONAL EXPERTS TO ATTEND JUNE 20/21 MEETING. ACTION REQUESTED: NAMES OF WASHINGTON PARTICIPANTS AND THEIR HOTEL REQUIREMENTS. CHAIRMAN SAID NORWAY WOULD PROBABLY SEND AN EXPERT. NETHERLANDS AND UK WILL BE REPRESENTED BY MEMBERS OF NATO DELS WHO INTEND TO RETURN TO RESPECTIVE CAPITALS PRIOR TO JUNE 20 TO BONE UP ON NATIONAL SYSTEMS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR APPLICATION TO NATO. ITALIAN REP SAID HIS AUTHORITIES WOULD HAVE DIFFICULTIES IN FURNISHING DATA ADDITIONAL TO INFORMATION SUPPLIED THIS YEAR (AC/281(DR)-N(73)2(REV), ITALY). NETHERLANDS
REP ADDED THAT QUESTION OF DATA COLLECTION IS A LONG WAY FROM BEING RESOLVED AT NATO AND WHILE LIMITED HEADWAY HAD BEEN MADE TOWARD A FUNCTIONAL ANALYSIS OF DEFENSE SPENDING, A NATO REGIONAL ANALYSIS DOES NOT APPEAR FEASIBLE.

4. CHAIRMAN, ON BASIS OF WGS DISCUSSION, WILL CIRCULATE AGENDA FOR EXPERTS MEETING IN NEXT DAY OR TWO. MISSION WILL TRANSMIT WHEN RECEIVED. MCAULIFFE

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